
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

MISSION

The Division of Emergency Management is responsible for planning for any type of emergency that could affect Durham County and for pre-planning the logistics and resources need for mitigation and recovery from an emergency.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Division of Emergency Management assist businesses, County and City departments, and the citizens in developing emergency plans. Other responsibilities are maintaining emergency shelter files, training personnel to operate shelters, maintaining resource files, and ensuring readiness of the Emergency Operations Center.

2002-03 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Responded to an additional 83 request for services related to emergency management, including 5 weather related responses (the December 2002 ice storm was one of the emergency responses).
- Deployed the Special Needs trailer with the assistance of various County agencies (December 2002 ice storm).
- Successfully deployed the Community Shelter trailer in response to the December 2002 ice storm. Distributed equipment to strategic shelters and shelter teams trained through our Community Emergency Response Team.
- Trained School Emergency Response Teams (SERT program) and Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT program) preparing school personnel and communities to handle emergency situations.

2003-04 OBJECTIVES

- Maintain Special Needs Shelters for handicapped citizens for use during emergencies.
- Provide annual update and review of the Emergency Operations Plan for County and City departments.
- Maintain and update Emergency Shelter programs.
- Maintain School Emergency Safety Team program and provide update training.
- Maintain Community Emergency Response Team program and provide training.
- Provide Emergency Response 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

